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A TEXT-BOOK OF THE PATENT LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. By ALBERT H. WALKER. Fourth Edition. Pp. 775. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1904.

"Walker on Patents" has been for many years a standard work on patents in the United States. It has maintained this position ever since its first publication in 1883. Each succeeding edition has had the advantage of the author's personal supervision. The author states that the present edition contains more than six hundred new points of law. The cases are brought down to date and the recent statutes added. Perhaps it may be mentioned, as it is a rare virtue in a text-book, that the present writer has found by personal experience that the cases mentioned in the notes invariably support the text; in other words, that the book bears throughout evidence of the personal work of Mr. Walker.

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THE BANKRUPTCY ACT OF 1898, ANNOTATED AND EXPLAINED. By JOHN M. GOULD and ARTHUR W. BLAKEMORE. Pp. 263. Boston: Little, Brown & Company. 1904.

Among the numerous annotations and explanations, the authors have included the amendments to the act, all the important and latest federal and state decisions, and the General Orders and Forms established by the United States Supreme Court. These latter can freely and easily be obtained in more valuable form by requesting the clerk of the above court to send them.

From its inception, the Bankruptcy Law of 1898 has been the subject of much thought and attention. It has clauses obscure and perplexing, and the notes to every such clause and every other clause in the act must necessarily have been a thing to be desired and carefully looked for among the profession. The authors have been justified in waiting a reasonable lapse of time in order to ascertain the judicial construction of each section of the act. Having carefully considered and annotated almost every clause of the act, the authors feel that they have produced the most thorough and most useful treatment existing of the Statute of 1898. We can do little more than readily indorse the introduction, and assure our readers that there is a